

CLASS:-11TH

History

Chapter 7

Changing Cultural Traditions

Questions 1.

Which elements of Greek and Roman culture were revived in the 14th and 15th centuries ?

Answer:

The religious, artistic and literary elements of Greek and Roman culture were revived in the 14th and 15th centuries.

Questions 2.

Compare details of Italian architecture of this period with Islamic architecture.

Answer:

Following are the points of comparison:

- Huge buildings were constructed under both the Italian and the Islamic architectures.
- Decoration was prominent in both the styles.
- Arch and pillars were the important characteristics of both the Italian and the Islamic architectures.
- Beautiful cathedrals and monasteries were constructed in Italian architecture, whereas large and magnificent mosques were constructed under the Islamic style of architecture.

Questions 3.

Why were Italian towns the first to experience the ideas of humanism?

Answer:

The towns of Italy were the first to experience the ideas of humanism because of the following reasons:

- Education spread in Italy by the 13th and 14th centuries.
- Humanism as a subject was first taught in Italian schools, colleges and universities. Italian people were made aware of humanist views and ideas.
- Universities were first of all developed here to spread education.

- A number of classical books were composed by Roman and Greek scholars.

Question 4.

Compare the Venetian idea of good government with those in contemporary France.

Answer:

Venice was an Italian city. This city was free from the influence of the church and feudal lords. In Venice, bankers and rich merchants played a significant role while